

#### "Test & Evaluation in the Midst of Conflict: Confronting the New War"

**M&S** in support of T&E and War

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#### **Presentation Scope**

- Relevant findings from DOT&E/LFT&E-sponsored studies
  - M&S Survey of 21 acquisition programs including FAAD C2, ATACMS BAT, Javelin, SADARM, C2 Vehicle, M1A2, Crusader, Comanche, AIM-9X, SLAM-ER, F/A-18E/F, V-22, UHF Follow On, LPD-17, AN/BSY-2, SBIRS, EELV, B-2, F-22, ABL, SFW
  - M&S Pilot Projects: Common Missile, ERGM, T-38 AUP
- M&S-related findings from H&AI work for other clients including OSD/DDR&E, MDA, JFCOM, Army (FCS and OFW)



# Background: M&S Survey Objective

- For each selected acquisition program, obtain data concerning:
  - types of M&S in use
  - how M&S are applied
  - who develops, owns & maintains M&S
  - how M&S are certified for use
  - the extent of programs' investment in M&S

#### Rationale:

DOT&E was considering how to make better use of M&S Additional information was needed



# Background: Pilot Project Overview

- Pilot Project Purpose
  - Develop a methodology to determine how best to use M&S in support of acquisition programs
- Pilot Project Approach
  - Coordinate with SAEs, PEOs, and Program Offices
  - Characterize data needed to support acquisition decision making
  - Categorize potential opportunities for M&S to support those acquisition decisions
  - Describe the risks and benefits of using M&Sgenerated data to support these acquisition decisions
  - Determine whether findings can be generalized into methodological approach



### M&S in Support of T&E and War: Enhance System Operational Utility

- Explore the capabilities trade space
  - "We haven't done a good enough job defining the specific requirement" -- Maj Gen Whitlow, USMC
- Support development of robust CONOPS
- Understand what the system can bring to the fight
  - campaign-level modeling



#### M&S in Support of T&E and War: Get Systems to the User Quickly

- Capabilities-based Acquisition
  - MDA
- Collaborative Environments
  - Javelin
- System Integration Labs
  - T-38 AUP
- Optimized Test Design
  - **PAC-3**

## M&S in Support of T&E and War: Improve the Readiness of the Warfighter

- Expand use of HWIL/MITL simulations
  - investment
  - linkages/integration
  - MDA example
- Evolve end-to-end simulations
  - FAAD C2
- Enhance the ability to train while deployed or deploying



#### M&S in Support of T&E and War: Plan for Resource Availability

- Investment in M&S needed early
- M&S development must fit with program needs
- Opportunity to increase M&S "sharing"
- Common Missile Program example



#### M&S in Support of T&E and War: Pioneer Improvements in M&S

- Models appropriate for software-intensive systems
  - T-38 AUP
- Cost models
- Human performance



#### M&S in Support of T&E and War: Strengthen M&S Credibility

- VV&A status
- Pre-test prediction, post-test analysis
- Examine the system performance envelope



### **Improving M&S Responsiveness**

- OSD/DAB
- Service Acquirer
- User
- **Testers**
- **Developer**
- **Congress**

**Data/Information** required to support **Decision-making** 

**Stakeholder Decisions** 

- Confidence
- Timeliness
- Cost

**Expert Opinion** 

M&S | Experiments | Demos |

Field T&E

Require:

- **Funding**
- Personnel
- Time